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August 28, 2014

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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Cynthia A. Harding

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
ACCEPT A LETTER OF AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL
BRANCH TO SUPPORT TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION AND
CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2015**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 10, 2014 to accept and implement a forthcoming Letter of Award (LOA) from the California Department of Public Health - Tuberculosis Control Branch (CDPH - TBCB), to support tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control services for the anticipated period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at an amount estimated not to exceed \$1,791,718, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this authority, I will accept a LOA from CDPH TBCB in the total amount of \$1,791,718, consisting of a Base Award of \$1,555,980 and an allotment of up to \$235,738 for food, shelter, incentives, and enablers (FSIE), for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The Base Award and the FSIE allotment are comprised of State funds that allow the Department of Public Health (DPH) to continue to provide TB prevention and control services. The FSIE allotment will provide support for lodging, meals, food and grocery store coupons, as well as transportation tokens and passes for Los Angeles County TB patients. This allotment will be used to enhance treatment adherence, prevent homelessness, and allow the use of less restrictive alternatives that decrease or obviate the need for civil detention of the patient in a medical or out-patient setting.

Should DPH exceed the FSIE allotment, the LOA indicates that additional funds may be requested and approved, subject to the availability of funds.

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County Counsel has reviewed and approved the LOA as to use and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated into the LOA include provisions requiring the County to indemnify the State for all claims and losses related to this LOA and to waive all claims and recourse against the State related to this LOA. These are standard requirements from the State and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for the services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor